



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5442

LCO No. 4543



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGAL AGE TO MARRY IN THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 A person is eligible to marry if such person is:

4 (1) Not a party to another marriage, or a relationship that provides
5 substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a
6 marriage, entered into in this state or another state or jurisdiction,
7 unless the parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to
8 such other relationship;

9 (2) [Except as provided in section 46b-30, at] At least eighteen years
10 of age;

11 (3) Except as provided in section 46b-29, not under the supervision
12 or control of a conservator; and

13 (4) Not prohibited from entering into a marriage pursuant to section
14 46b-21.

15 Sec. 2. Section 46b-150d of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

17 An order that a minor is emancipated shall have the following
18 effects: (1) The minor may consent to medical, dental or psychiatric
19 care, without parental consent, knowledge or liability; (2) the minor
20 may enter into a binding contract; (3) the minor may sue and be sued
21 in such minor's own name; (4) the minor shall be entitled to such
22 minor's own earnings and shall be free of control by such minor's
23 parents or guardian; (5) the minor may establish such minor's own
24 residence; (6) the minor may buy and sell real and personal property;
25 (7) the minor may not thereafter be the subject of (A) a petition under
26 section 46b-129 as an abused, neglected or uncared for child or youth,
27 (B) a petition under section 46b-128 or 46b-133 as a delinquent child for
28 any act committed before the date of the order, or (C) a petition under
29 section 46b-149 alleging that the minor is a child from a family with
30 service needs; (8) the minor may enroll in any school or college,
31 without parental consent; (9) the minor shall be deemed to be over
32 eighteen years of age for purposes of securing an operator's license
33 under section 14-36; [and a marriage license under subsection (b) of
34 section 46b-30;] (10) the minor shall be deemed to be over eighteen
35 years of age for purposes of registering a motor vehicle under section
36 14-12; (11) the parents of the minor shall no longer be the guardians of
37 the minor under section 45a-606; (12) the parents of a minor shall be
38 relieved of any obligations respecting such minor's school attendance
39 under section 10-184; (13) the parents shall be relieved of all obligation
40 to support the minor; (14) the minor shall be emancipated for the
41 purposes of parental liability for such minor's acts under section 52-
42 572; (15) the minor may execute releases in such minor's own name
43 under section 14-118; (16) the minor may enlist in the armed forces of
44 the United States without parental consent; and (17) the minor may
45 access or obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate under section 7-51.

46 Sec. 3. Section 7-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the
47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

48 Each person making any certificate of birth, marriage, civil union,
 49 death or fetal death, or any copy of such certificate for the
 50 commissioner, or any sexton's report required by law, shall cause the
 51 same to be typewritten or printed in a legible manner as to all material
 52 information or facts required by the provisions of sections 7-48, 7-60,
 53 [and] 7-62b, [and sections] 46b-25 and 46b-29, [to 46b-30, inclusive, or
 54 sections 46b-38hh to 46b-38jj, inclusive,] and contained in such
 55 certificate. If the certificate is in paper format, such person shall sign
 56 the certificate in black ink, shall state therein in what capacity such
 57 person so signs, and shall type or print in a legible manner the name of
 58 each person signing such certificate, under such person's signature. If
 59 the certificate is in an electronic format, such certificate shall be
 60 authenticated by the electronic vital records system of the department.
 61 Any certificate not complying with the requirements of this section
 62 shall be returned by the registrar with whom it is filed to the person
 63 making the same for the proper correction.

64 Sec. 4. Section 46b-30 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 65 *October 1, 2017*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46b-20a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46b-150d
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	7-45
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the issuance of a marriage license to any applicant under eighteen years of age.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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